

President H. Clay Cummings

H. Clay Cummings Dies Of Heart Attack Wed.

H. Clay Cummings, "father of the Wasatch Mountain State Park" and recently released president of the New Zealand Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died of a heart attack Wednesday morning, July 4th at his home in Heber.

Mr. Cummings was released from his assignment in New Zealand April 1 to take over direction of the new park. He was named the first superintendent of the park only Sunday. Until that time, he had been serving as project coordinator.

Mr. Cummings had been working strenuously on details for the park Tuesday when he attended meetings in both Provo and Salt Lake.

He met with State Road Commissioner Director C. Taylor Burton in Salt Lake on plans to develop a skyline drive in Wasatch County, and walked up all six floors of the new Capitol Building, reported his wife, and become ill a few hours later.

A life-long resident of Heber, Mr. Cummings held an impressive number of civic, Church and business positions.

He was mayor of Heber for four terms and served as a Wasatch County commissioner one term. He was also director of the State Wool Assn., president of the Heber Exchange, and a director of Oil, Inc.

He presided over the Wasatch Stake for 21 years and served as bishop of the Heber Second Ward following his second (Eastern States) mission. He filled his first mission in the Northern States.

He and Mrs. Cummings were called on a special assignment from the First Presidency at the New Zealand Temple Bureau of Information in August 1960. From that position, they were called to preside over the New Zealand in February 1961.

In 1959, he began to acquire land for the Wasatch Mountain State Park as resident negotiator for the State Parks and Recreation Commission. He negotiated the purchase of about 18,000 acres of land for the park at \$1,200,000.

Mr. Cummings was born Dec. 11, 1894 in Heber, son of Elisha J. and Hannah Mary Clegg Cummings. He married Ruby Nielson on Jan. 26, 1918 in San Diego, California, and the marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple in April of that year.

The couple had six children. They are: Mrs. Maurice (Yvonne) Miller, Provo; Veigh, Salt Lake; Kyle, Denver, Colo.; Melvin, E. Jay and LaVell, all of Heber. They also had 23 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday at 2 p. m. in the Wasatch Stake Tabernacle.

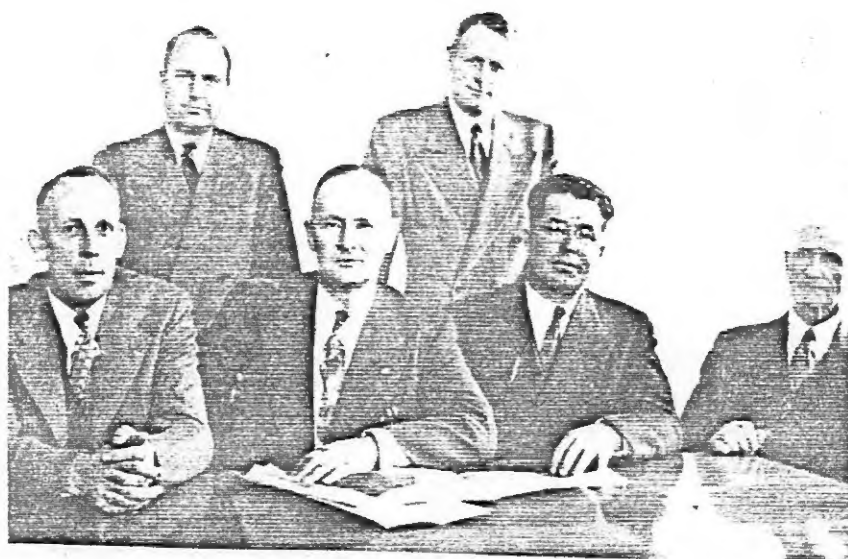
Services were: prayer at the mortuary, Francis Probst; prelude and postlude, Renee Carlile; Bishop Don Hicken officiated. Seated on the stand were representatives of the General Authorities of the LDS Church, Elders Mark E. Peterson, Harold B. Lee, and Antone R. Ivins, Bishop Writhlin and Bishop Simpson, President Richards of South Summit Stake, members of the Stake Parks Commission, missionaries who labored in the New Zealand Mission under President Cummings, the Wasatch Stake Presidency and the Second Ward Bishopric.

Invocation, Don Clyde; Bishop Hicken gave a brief history of the deceased, some personal thoughts and the deep appreciation of the family for kindnesses shown in many ways; The Choralettes sang, "Oh My Father", directed by Maxine Carlile with Barbara McDonald at the piano; first speaker, Nephi Probst; speaker, Don Worthington, one of the missionaries who worked with Pres. and Mrs. Cummings in New Zealand; remarks, Dwight Freeman of the State Parks Commission; vocal duet, "Evening prayer", Marjoria Provost and Roy Huffaker, accompanied by Renee Carlile; speaker, Elder Harold B. Lee; Choralettes led by Merle Rasband sang, "Life Eternal"; benediction, Pres. J. Harold Call.

The grave was dedicated by Bp. Burton Van Wagoner.

Pallbearers were his sons, Veigh, Kyle, Melvin, E. Jay, LaVell and a son-in-law, Maurice Miller. The missionaries of the New Zealand Mission were honorary pallbearers.

Burial was in the Heber City Cemetery.

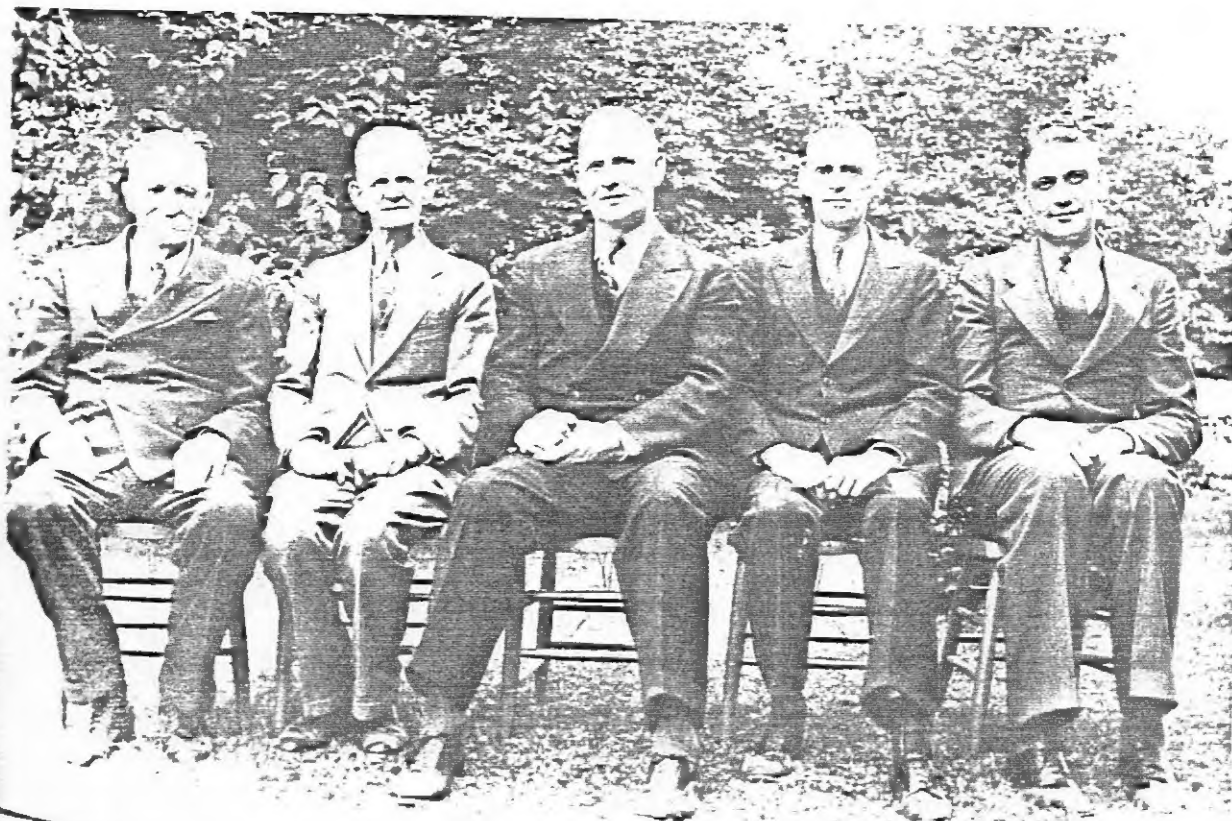


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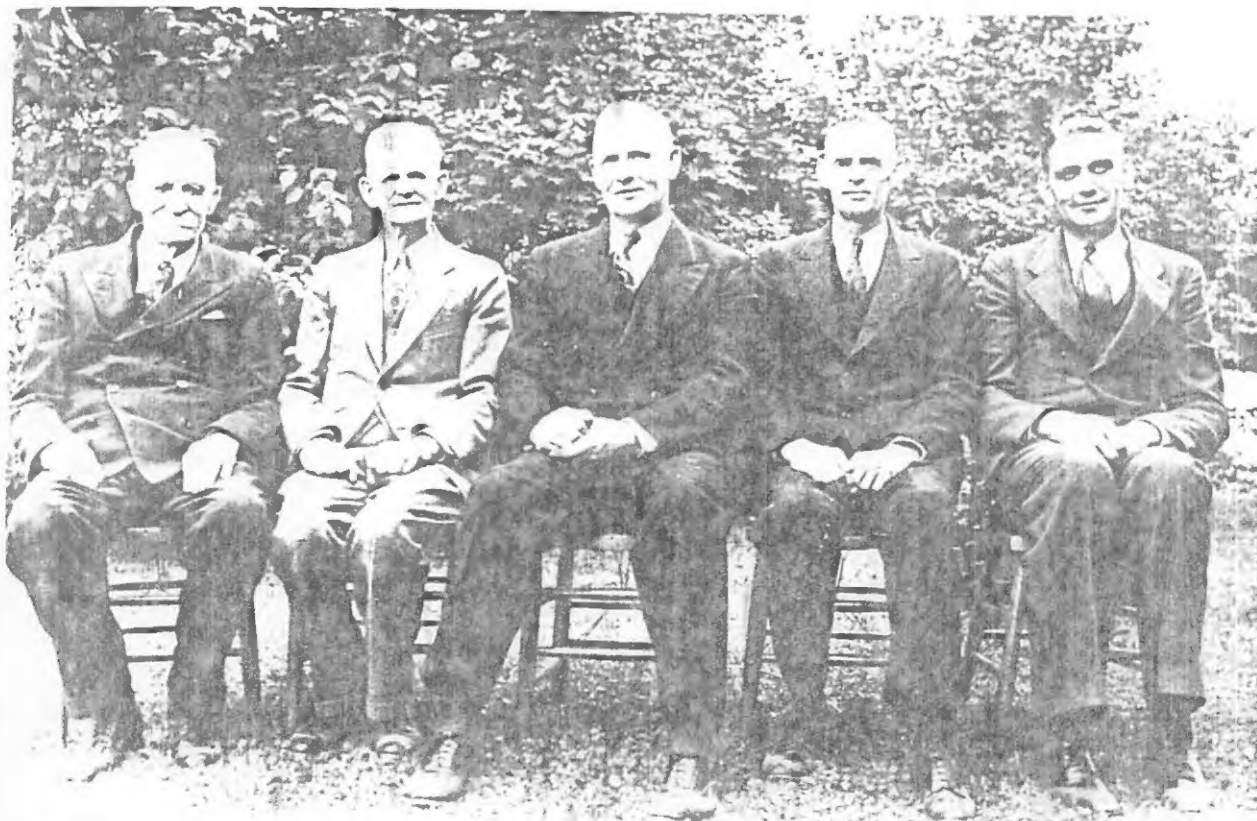


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PETER ERASTUS AND EMMA NIELSON

Waldemar, Chester, Tillie, Ruby, Hulda
Veigh and Frihoff

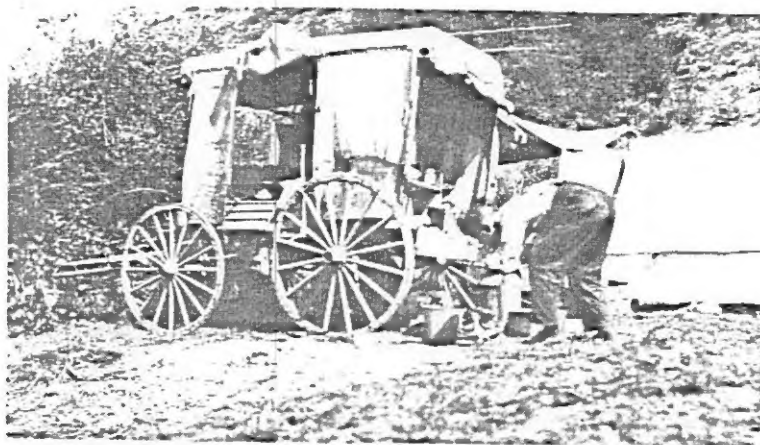


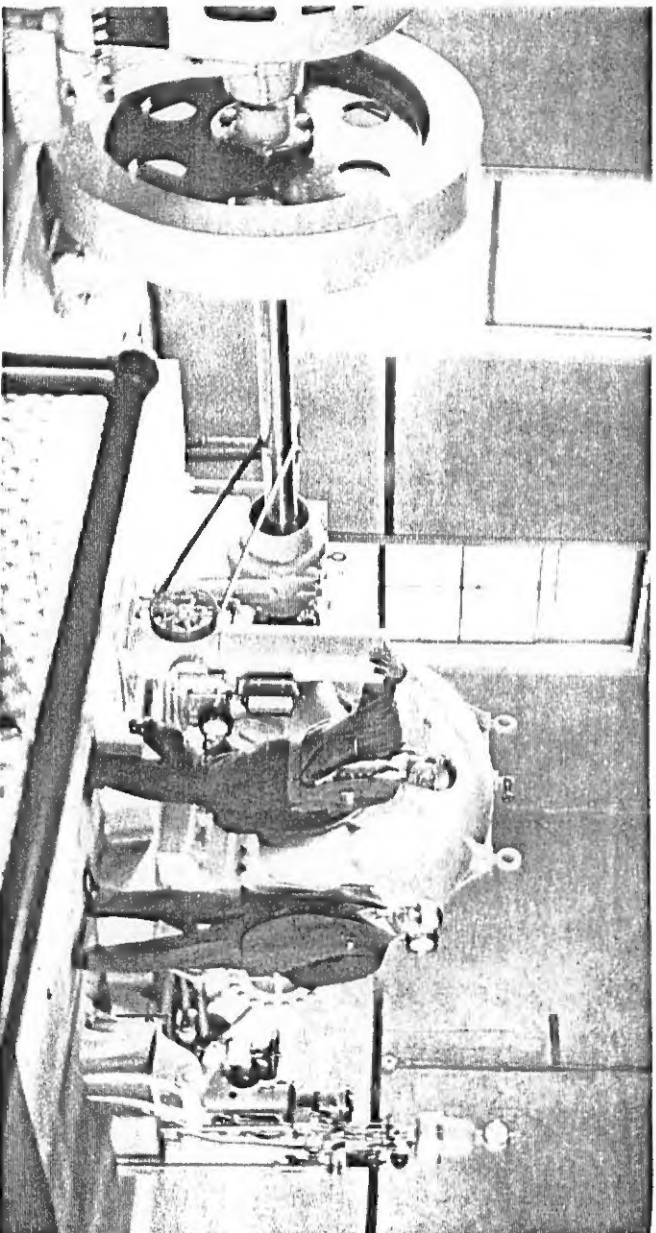
The Nielson Ranch House
at Preston, Idaho.



Bear Lake Vacation 1917
Tillie, Bea, Ruby, Demar

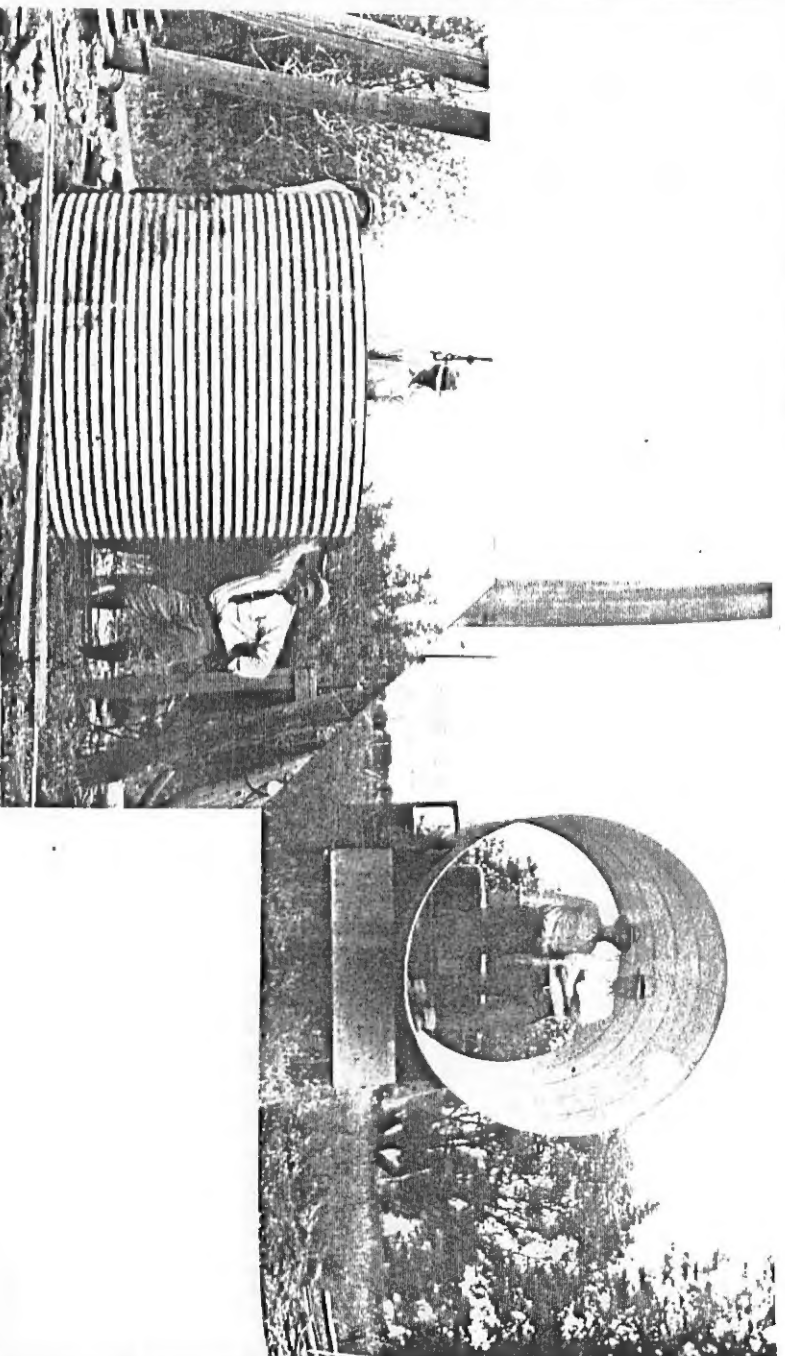
Nielson Family Trip
to Bear Lake.





Mayor H. Clay Cummings organized the research and planning for the construction of the Heber Light and Power Company and supervised the land acquisition and all phases of building this city owned utility. He was proud of the fact that this became not only self supporting, but brought revenue to Heber City.

Above picture shows the newly constructed power plant, the engineer and Mayor Cummings. Bottom pictures shows Mayor Cummings, Tom Tadd and Ren Wootton.





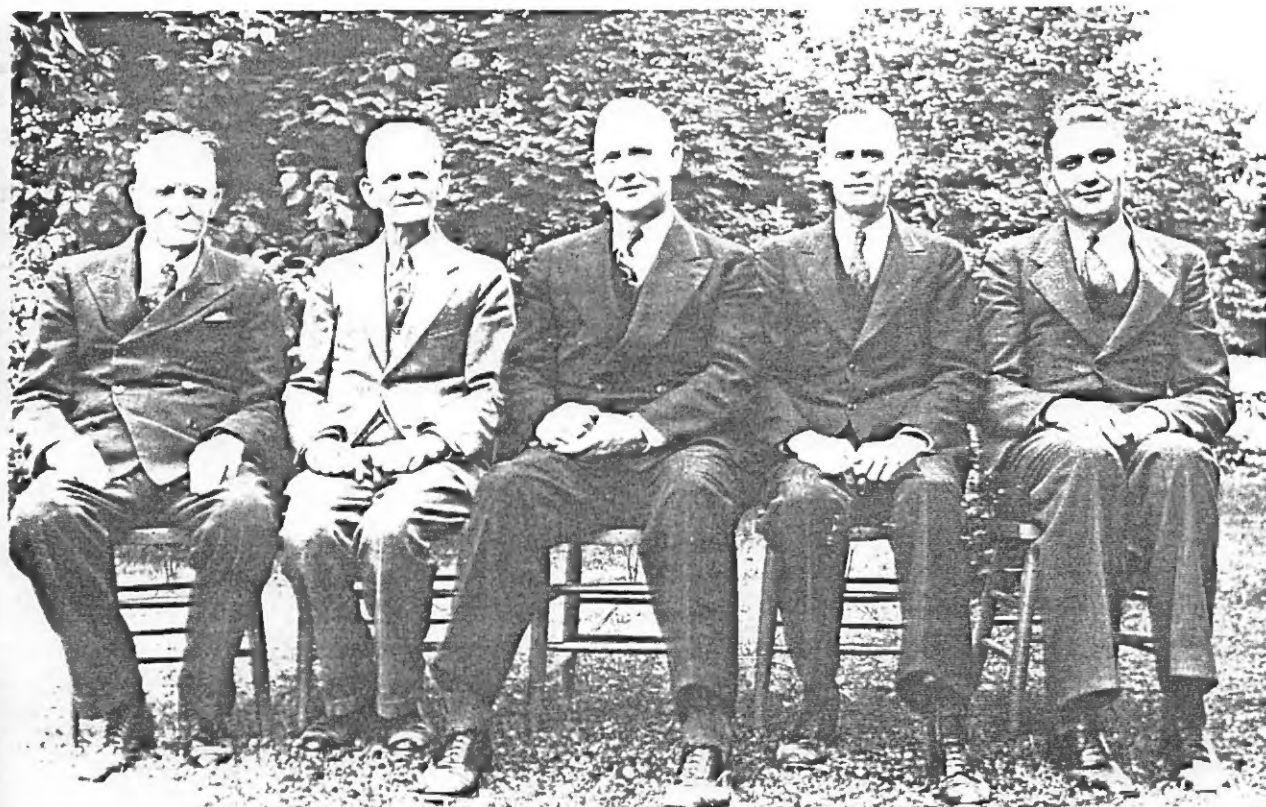
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New Wasatch Stake Presidency Named At Conference Sessions of LDS Church

The
Wasatch Wave

Thursday,
November 20, 1958

Harold Call Named President; Will Direct Stake Affairs

President H. Clay Cummings of the Wasatch Stake, his councillors and clerk were released from duty during Sunday morning conference after long years of service to church and community. Named to succeed him was J Harold Call, prominent local attorney and faithful church worker.

A total of 70 years in the Stake Presidency is credited to President Cummings. First Councillor Nephi Probst, Second Councillor Welby Young and Clerk Floyd Kinsey. President Cummings himself served 31 years, over 21 of those as Stake President.

President Probst became First Councillor in 1948 after having served as Second Councillor for the previous eleven years. Welby Young spent ten years in the presidency, and Kinsey, sustained November 18, 1950, was released almost eight years to the day later.

As a young man President Cummings served a mission in the Northern States, later left his wife and three small children to serve a mission in the Eastern States where he and his companion travelled through New York, Massachusetts and Maryland lecturing and showing pictures of the ancient ruins of South America.

He served for 17 months as Bishop of the Heber Second Ward before being called to the Stake Presidency.

Wasatch Stake has made great strides during the years he has served, and for this he has always given full credit to stake and ward workers. The stake is debt-free and has a comfortable balance in both welfare and maintenance accounts.

The \$125,000 church dairy farm has been paid for. Loss of land to the State Road Commission and Provo Water Users might have made it impossible to continue operation of the farm but for the lease of 240 adjacent acres by W. H. H. Cranmer, associate of President Cummings in Oil Incorporated, who made the acreage available to the stake at a very generous rate.

President Cummings Released



PRESIDENT H. CLAY CUMMINGS — Released from office which he has held for the past 21 years at Stake Conference.

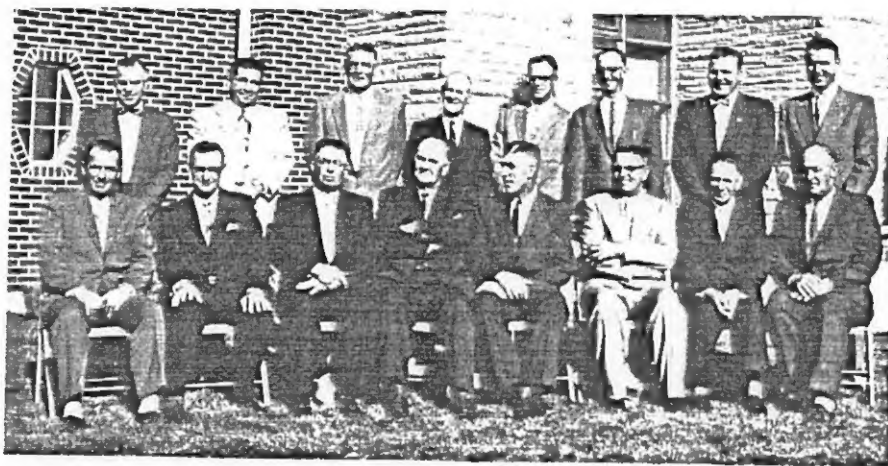


First Row: Francis Cowley, Otis Sweat, Reed Kohler, Kaye Giles, Sherman Giles, Ralph Carlile, ReNee Carlile, Eleanora Casper, Heber Winterton, Wayne Whiting
 Second Row: Ora Sweat, Elda Kohler, Venola Cowley, Donna Rae Sweat, Ethel Broadbent, Jennie Broadbent, Charles Broadbent, Bernice Simpson, Ruby Cummings, Viola Kinsey, Lucy Winterton, Violet Whiting, Beth Probst
 Third Row: Theon Sweat, Clyde Broadbent, Squire Simpson, H. Clay Cummings, Nephi Probst, Welby Young, Floyd Kinsey, Grant Casper



WASATCH STAKE PRESIDENCY RELEASED NOVEMBER 16, 1958

Nephi and Beth Probst - H. Clay and Ruby Cummings - Welby Young
Floyd and Viola Kinsey



WASATCH STAKE HIGH COUNCIL RELEASED: Reed Kohler - Clyde Broadbent - Nephi Probst
President H. Clay Cummings - Welby Young - Floyd Kinsey - Heber Winterton - Squire
Simpson. SECOND ROW: Maron Hiatt - France Probst - Carl Batty - Wayne Whiting
Otis Sweat - Francis Cowley - Theron Sweat - Ralph Carlile.